STUDENT DOMESTIC TRAVEL  
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This guidance is effective as of the date above. This guidance is subject to change. Students traveling with Intercollegiate Athletics teams and as part of Penn State-affiliated Education Abroad programs are exempt from these guidelines, as those units have separate and robust guidelines.

This guidance has the following sections:
- Vaccination guidelines
- Observance of Health and Safety Guidelines
- Travel Associated with a Course
- Cocurricular travel
- Acknowledgment/Assumption of risk
- Personal travel

COVID-19 VACCINATION GUIDELINES

The University strongly encourages all students traveling for any University-sponsored or University-affiliated purpose to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and up to date with boosters by the date of departure. Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there are specific requirements to be considered up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations. Note the following descriptions of the terms “fully vaccinated” and “up to date”:

Per the CDC, adults ages 18 years and older are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19:
- After completing the 2-dose primary series of Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna, or Novavax
- After completing 1 dose of the primary series of Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine

Per the CDC, there are specific requirements to be considered up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations. Most adults ages 18 and older are currently recommended to receive at least one booster shot (excluding the Novavax vaccine).

OBSERVANCE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

Students traveling domestically should:
- Follow the CDC guidelines for domestic travel.
- Follow all COVID recommendations and requirements of the destination.
• Arrange any necessary air travel through Anthony Travel, Penn State’s preferred travel agency, when possible (not applicable to student organizations or student-initiated fee travel).

TRAVEL ASSOCIATED WITH A COURSE
If a student or group of students is traveling off campus as part of a course, the instructor of record should develop a plan for continuation or cancellation of the program should the faculty member become ill; a plan for continuation or cancellation of the program should the faculty member need to accompany a student who is ill; and a plan for returning students to their homes or campus in the event of a program cancellation due to emergent restrictions due to COVID-19.

COCURRICULAR TRAVEL
Cocurricular travel that is sponsored by the University should follow the appropriate approval paths and guidelines through the sponsoring unit.

Student organization and student-initiated fee funded travel must be registered. At University Park, travel must be registered through OrgCentral using the travel registration form and will be reviewed by Student Activities staff. Club Sports travel must be submitted and reviewed by the Competitive Sports staff in Campus Recreation.

At Commonwealth Campuses, travel must be registered through campus specific travel registration processes and will be reviewed by appropriate staff.

Trip coordinators will be responsible for sharing CDC and PA DOH guidelines, safety measures and potential risks associated with traveling with all participants.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT/ASSUMPTION OF RISK
Students who participate in University-related travel acknowledge and understand that participation is wholly voluntary. In addition to other hazards connected with travel, students understand that there is risk they may become exposed to and/or infected by transmissible diseases, viruses, and other illnesses (including, but not limited to, COVID-19 and its variants), and that this risk cannot be entirely eliminated even with adherence to all preventative measures including vaccination. Students who participate in University-related travel assume any and all risks associated with travel, including that of exposure to or infection by transmissible diseases. STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THAT ANY REQUEST FOR TRAVEL IS COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY AND SHALL OPERATE AS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK RELATED TO TRAVEL AND TO COVID-19 AND ITS VARIANTS.

PERSONAL TRAVEL
Students wishing to travel for personal reasons should exercise caution and follow safety and hygiene recommendations.